

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Manabu NOMURA et al  
SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION  
FILED: HEREWITH  
FOR: A METHOD OF FORMING A LIGHT-WEIGHT, FIBER-REINFORCED THERMOPLASTIC  
RESIN PRODUCT AND A LIGHT-WEIGHT MOLDED PRODUCT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

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SIR:

Applicants wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The Applicants wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are of record in parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/125,037, filed on August 11, 1998.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of Applicants' pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s) is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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**PETITION**

- ☐ Applicants hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1).

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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